

Planned to 'Scare Pants Off' Reds

'Anti-Leftist' Air Raids In Miami Laid to Veteran

MIAMI, Nov. 24 (UPI)—A 30-year-old Air Force veteran was charged today with fire-bombing Negro and Jewish residential areas from a small airplane to "scare the pants off" left-wing agitators.

"I didn't plan to hurt anyone or hit any houses," Lon David Shaw told investigators for the Dade County sheriff's office after his arrest.

There were no injuries in the fire bombings, all at night, but officers said damage was "extensive."

They said the "Molotov cocktail" devices were tossed from a low-flying plane by Shaw, a former Air Force enlisted man who said he learned flying after he left the service in 1957.

"The basic reason was to scare the Communists who were instigating riots planned for several occasions in this area," the handcuffed Shaw told UPI.

"Throwing these devices

that go off with a loud bang and a flash would literally scare the pants off them and let them know somebody was doing something about it," he said.

Officers said Shaw apparently did not have any specific houses in mind but was aiming at neighborhoods where he believed "agitators" were at work.

They said they caught up with Shaw after a Nov. 16 bombing. By checking plane rental agencies, officers said, they were able to pinpoint Shaw as the man who had rented planes on all the nights of the bombings.

The officers said Shaw is single and doesn't drink or smoke. They said they found no indication that he was a member of any political groups. They had no comment when asked if there might be other arrests.